

# 3rd CARD MEETING TANZANIA

LIBERIA COUNTRY REPORT

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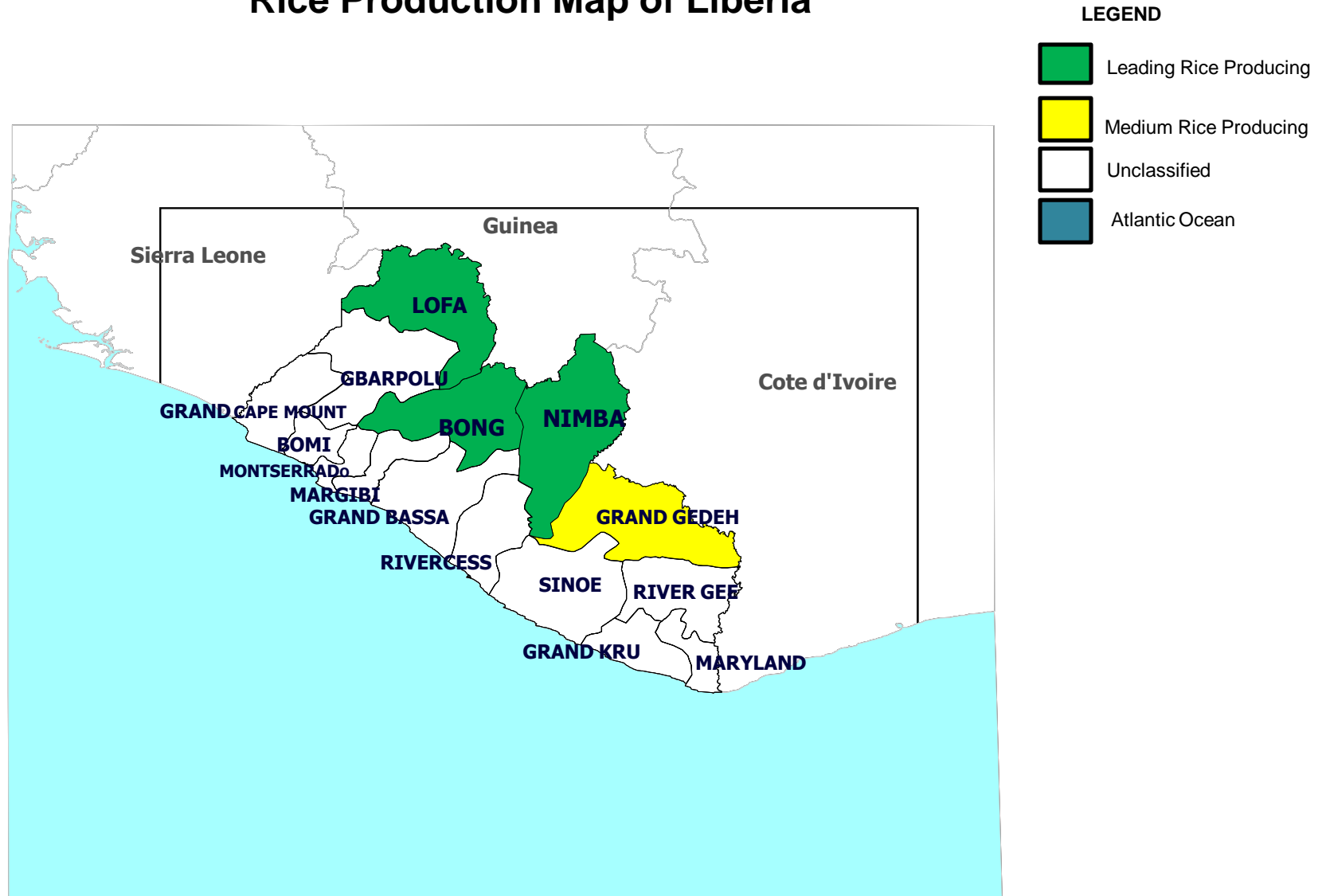
# BACKGROUND

- Rice is a strategic and food security crop in Liberia.
- Staple food for most of Liberia's 3.5 million people & produced by 71% of the estimated 400,000 farm families.

# STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- ***“Policy Intent Statement” (2006)***: Outline policy options for consideration.
- ***iPRS (2006)***: Laid foundation for rehabilitation of agriculture sector.
- **CASS-LIB (2007)**: Comprehensive assessment of the agricultural sector and identified priority programs for development.
- The **PRS (2008)** acknowledges and articulates the country’s aspiration for achieving the UN Millennium Development Goal #1: Halving of hunger and extreme poverty by 2015. Agriculture is the engine of growth.
- **FAPS (2008)**: Developed within the context of the PRS, FAPS accentuates **pro-poor policies and associated strategies** to harness and utilize the potentials of the large number of **smallholder farmers** in the agriculture sector.
- **CAADP/LASIP (2009)**: Identifies four pillars for investment in the sector: (1) Land and water development, (2) Food and nutrition security, (3) Competitive value chains and market linkages, and (4) Institutional Capacity Development
- **LNRDS (March 2009)**: Outlines GoL agricultural development strategy up to 2018, rice being the center piece.

# Rice Production Map of Liberia



# MAIN RICE ECOLOGIES

- **Upland ecology:** Comprising over 400,000 small-holder farming families.
- **Lowland ecology:** Mainly rain-fed; with less than 1% irrigated.

# Priority sub-sectors

- Seed & germplasm re-introduction
- Fertilizer & other agro-inputs
- Irrigation & water management
- Quality improvement
- Market access

# Development partners

- **Africa Rice Center** on germplasm restoration, varietal evaluation and Emergency Rice Initiative
- **JICA** on Emergency rice Initiative & Rice Data Collection
- **USAID** on seed improvement
- **FAO** on seed sector development & seed multiplication
- **GTZ** on irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation & seed lab development
- **IRRI** on germplasm restoration
- **AfDB/IFAD** on rice value chain & seed sector development
- **World Bank** on development of MRU regional food security program